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SUBJECT: U.S. - ISRAEL BINATIONAL INDUSTRIAL R&D FOUNDATION (BIRDF):

U.S. COUNCIL MEETING IN ISRAEL, FEB 13-17, 1978

1. AT TELEPHONE REQUEST OF BLACKMAN, SCIATT TOLD LAVIE ON JANUARY 24 THAT TREASURY AND PERHPAS STATE WERE OPPOSED TO PAYMENT BY BIRDF OF TRAVEL FOR US COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ISRAEL IN MID-FEBRUARY BECUASE POTENTIAL BENEFIT TO BIRDF DID NOT SEEM TO JUSTIFY THE EXPENSE OF TRAVEL BY THIS LARGE GROUP.

2. LAVIE WAS UPSET BY THIS NEWS, SAYING THAT HE THOUGHT HE HAD US AGREEMENT, AT DECEMBER 1977 NEW YORK MEETING, THAT BIRDF WOULD PAY TRAVEL OF COUNCIL AND LAVIE'S OFFICE WOULD PAY COUNCIL MEMBERS' EXPENSES IN ISRAEL. HE ADDED THAT HE WAS EMBARRASSED BECAUSE HIS OFFICE COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO PAY TRAVEL TOO. HE SAID THAT ADVICE OF US COUNCIL MEMBERS IN NEW YORK HAD BEEN VERY USEFUL AND HE EXPECTED FURTHER USEFUL RESULTS IN REFINING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BIRDF GUIDELINES AT MEETING IN ISRAEL. HE SAID THAT HE MIGHT PHONE ASST. SEC. BERGSTEN TO EXPLAIN HIS VIEWS. LEWIS

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